

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	LAUTT	Examiner:	DELACROIX-MUIRHEID
Serial No.:	10/761,596	Group Art Unit:	1614
Filed:	JANUARY 21, 2004	Docket No.:	14217.1USC1
Confirmation No.:	4255	Customer No.:	23552
Title:	METHOD FOR TREATING INSULIN RESISTANCE THROUGH HEPATIC NITRIC OXIDE		

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 3, 2006, said period of response being extended from November 3, 2006 to February 3, 2007, which was Saturday, extending the time for response to Monday, February 5, 2007.

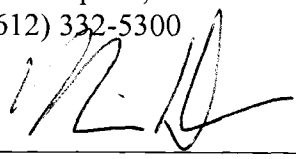
Our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 has been charged in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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